

## Social Security continues to provide the largest share of total income for the aged

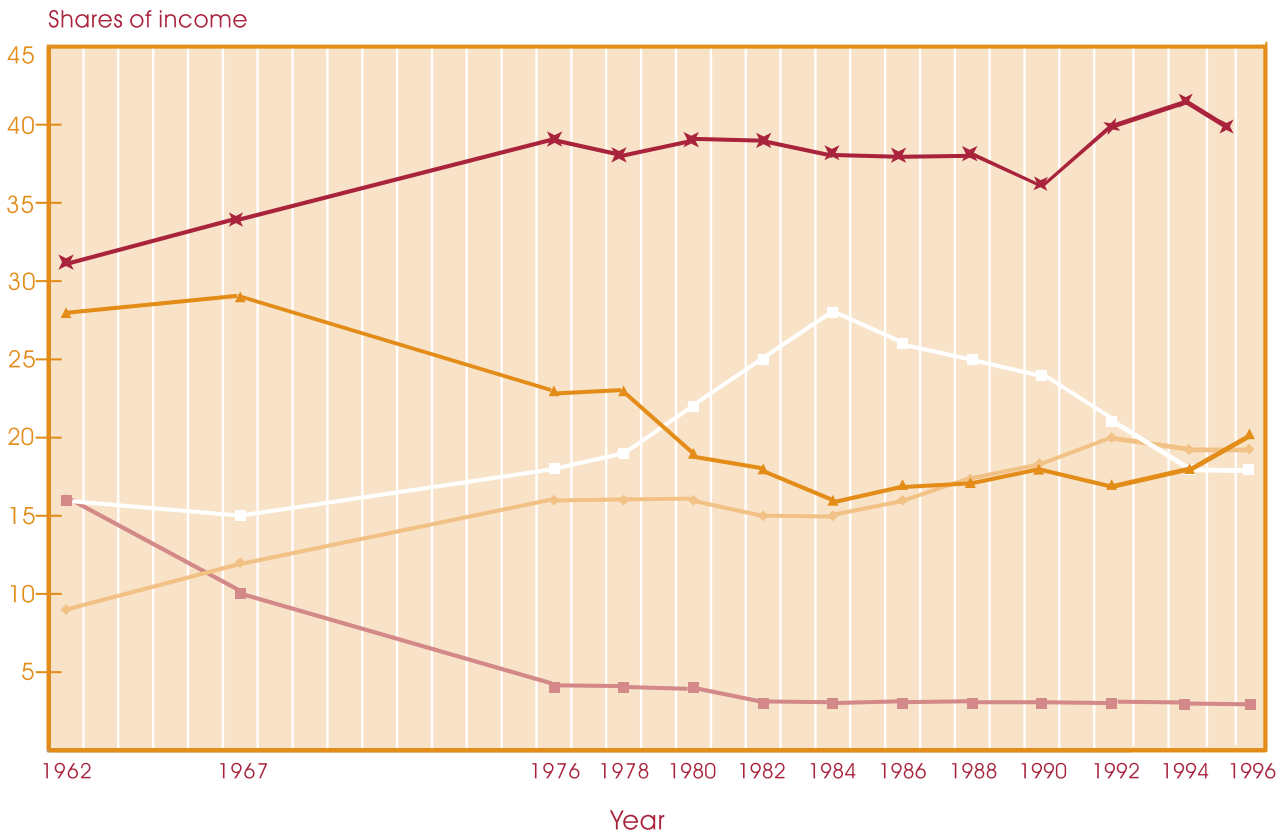
The share of income provided by Social Security increased by about one-fourth between 1962 and 1980, and since then has accounted for about 40% of the total. The share from asset income increased for about 20 years, but has been declining since the mid-80's. The share from pensions more than doubled, reaching 19% in 1996, while the share from earnings declined nearly 30% over the period.

Shares of income from various sources, selected years

Year	Social Security	Asset income	Pensions*	Earnings	Other
1962 .....	31%	16%	9%	28%	16%
1967 .....	34	15	12	29	10
1976 .....	39	18	16	23	4
1978 .....	38	19	16	23	4
1980 .....	39	22	16	19	4
1982 .....	39	25	15	18	3
1984 .....	38	28	15	16	3
1986 .....	38	26	16	17	3
1988 .....	38	25	17	17	3
1990 .....	36	24	18	18	3
1992 .....	40	21	20	17	3
1994 .....	42	18	19	18	3
1996 .....	40	18	19	20	3

\*Includes private pensions and annuities, government employee pensions, Railroad Retirement, and IRA, Keogh, and 401(k) payments.

Change in shares of income



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